

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MARCH 12, 2002

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pamela Lancaster.

INVOCATION – Invocation was given by Rev. Rose Bartleson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Pamela Lancaster, and Lonnie Logan. Bud Jeffries was absent. Also present were representatives from the *Grand Island Independent* and KRG1.

CONSENT AGENDA – Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve the following by consent agenda: Arnold amended his motion and Eriksen seconded to include the office reports, miscellaneous receipts and communications.

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of the February 26 meeting
2. 5c Authorize the Chair to sign the gravel and Asphalt contracts from the bid opening on February 26, 2002
3. 5d Authorize the Chair to sign the agreement on project STPE2235(3)
4. 5e Authorize the Chair to sign the agreement on project STPE2235(2)
5. 23 Accept and place on file the office reports from the County Clerk, County Court, County Sheriff, Hall and Howard County Juvenile services and the Public Defender
6. 24 Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
7. 25 Accept and place on file communications as received

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Jeffries absent. Motion carried.

OFFICE REPORT
COUNTY CLERK
FEBRUARY 2002

TITLE FEES STATE	\$13,984.50
TITLE FEES COUNTY	\$ 7,231.50
RECORDING FEES	\$ 175.00
MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$ 225.00
PHOTO FEES/FAX FEES	\$ 16.85
PLAT BOOKS	70.00
TOTAL	

OFFICE REPORT
HALL COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES
FEBRUARY 2002

JUVENILE REFERRALS	28 JUVENILES
JUVENILE OFFENDERS	0 JUVENILE
JUVENILE HOUSE ARREST	3 JUVENILES
TOTAL UNDER SUPERVISION	195 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED	\$1,130.00

OFFICE REPORT
HOWARD COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES
FEBRUARY 2001

JUVENILE REFERRALS	1 JUVENILES
TOTAL JUVENILE ENROLLEES	22 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED	\$ 100.00
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED FISCAL YEAR	\$1775.00

OFFICE REPORT
HALL CO. SHERIFF
JANUARY 2002

TOTAL FEES MILEAGE & MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 17,825.83
COPIES	68.00
HANDGUN APPLICATIONS	45.00
TITLE INSPECTIONS	2,930.00

OFFICE REPORT
COUNTY COURT
FEBRUARY 2002

FINES (CO.)	\$60,640.32
OVERLOAD FINES	50.00
REIMBURSE SHERIFF FEES	1,757.66
WORK RELEASE FEES	1,800.00
REIMBURSE FAX COPIES	37.00
FINES (CITY)	7,000.00
REIMBURSE WITNESS FEES	732.76
BOND FORFEITURES	626.50
REIMBURSE CO. FEES	.00
TOTAL	\$ 72,650.24

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Lancaster called for public participation and no one responded.

Lancaster stated that she received an e-mail from Health Director Sonja Simpson asking if the board would be able to address the interlocal agreement for the health department before 11:30 a.m. because she will be holding a conference call with Merrick County at that time.

11 DISCUSS AND APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO STEERING COMMITTEE FOR COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN: Lancaster stated she would like to appoint Jim Eriksen, Bud Jeffries and Richard Hartman to the steering committee. The first

meeting is scheduled for March 21st from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Arnold made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve the appointment of Jim Eriksen, Bud Jeffries and Richard Hartman to the comprehensive development steering committee. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Jeffries absent. Motion carried.

8 DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Health Director Sonja Simpson was present and Eriksen stated that the board members have a revised copy of interlocal agreement. There were four changes, two at request of the board to change the wording in items two and three. This addresses how the members of the board are selected for the initial and future boards. After reviewing the agreement County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz added items six and seven addressing the powers and duties as set forth by Nebraska Revised Statutes 71-1631. Eriksen made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve the interlocal agreement for the central district health department. Logan stated that he still has concerns on the wording on page two under section a and b concerning the representative appointed by the county boards. He thinks it is still confusing and suggested deleting the word nominations. Discussion was held on the length of the terms, but that issue is clarified on page three. Logan suggested that the words "by nominations submitted" be deleted from all the paragraphs on page two. Eriksen amended his motion and Humiston seconded to delete the words "by nominations submitted" in paragraphs a,b,c and d on page two and approve the interlocal agreement for the central district health department. A revised copy will be issued for signatures. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Jeffries absent. Motion carried.

10 BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR FINANCING FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Hartman stated the committee met and agreed to contribute \$50,000.00 for the remodeling of the health department. This amount has already been budgeted. Hartman made a motion and Logan seconded to approve contributing \$50,000.00 for the remodeling of the health department. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Jeffries absent. Motion carried.

13. ASSESSOR STUDY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR REFEREES FOR 2002 PROTESTS – Lancaster stated that the committee met and they recommended to approve the contract and the resolution. Lancaster stated she talked to County Assessor Jan Pelland concerning the referee process and the programs that are available on the current computer system. The comparable properties that are used in determining the valuations can be retrieved from the system and by next year that information could be available to the board members when they are holding the board of equalization hearings. Hartman made a motion and Logan seconded to approve the contract and the Resolution #02-0017 and authorize the chair to sign. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Jeffries absent. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the funds that were allocated to the assessor and if any of those funds could be used for a computer or lap tops for use by the board of equalization. Lancaster stated she would check with Jan Pelland.

4. 9:30 A.M. BID OPENING – BELTZER BUILDING REMODELING PROJECT – Hartman made a motion and Logan seconded to open the bids for the Beltzer Building

remodeling. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Jeffries absent. Motion carried.

The following bids were opened:

BIDDER	BID BOND	TOTAL BID	COMPLETION DATE
ABC CONTRACTORS AURORA, NE	YES	\$580,942.00	October 1, 2002
BAKER DEVELOPMENT Grand Island, NE	YES	\$586,100.00	October 15, 2002
CARPET PLUS GRAND ISLAND, NE	NO	\$ 23,684.23	Carpet only
LACY CONSTRUCTION GRAND ISLAND, NE	YES	\$545,000.00	Completed in 250 days
STAROSTKA GROUP GRAND ISLAND, NE	YES	\$563,000.00	October 15, 2002
TRI VALLEY BUILDERS GRAND ISLAND, NE	YES	\$558,000.00	September, 2002
WESTLAND BLDG CO HASTINGS, NE	YES	\$562,000.00	March 30, 2003

Discussion was held concerning referring the bids to the building and grounds committee and it was decided to refer them to the architects and they will review them. Logan made a motion and Arnold seconded to refer the bids to the architects and Jerry Janulewicz. Board Assistant Stacey Ruzicka will assist scheduling the meeting. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Jeffries absent. Motion carried.

Lancaster stated that they had talked with Barney Bishop with Durrant concerning the work-study session for the jail. Discussion was held on the dates that the board members would be available. Stacey will call Mr. Bishop to see if March 27th or March 28th will work for him.

5 9:45 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING 1 & 6 ROAD PROGRAM – Logan made a motion and Eriksen seconded to open the public hearing for the 1 & 6 Road Program. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Jeffries absent and Logan absent for the vote. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Marsha Medbery provided the board members with copies of the program. She stated that the total of the one-year program is \$2,013,000.00. That amount includes federal aid, keno and funding for joint projects. The South Locust Project is the largest project and it involves federal aid funds. The bid letting on this project will be April 18th. Nothing can be started because the birds are nesting. The total cost of the county projects proposed will be \$426,000.00. Three bridges will be replaced with box culverts and concrete slabs. If the keno funds are available they plan to pave one mile on Giltner Road and grade the second mile. They have also proposed to pave one mile on Engleman Road because the railroad crossings are closed there is a lot of traffic on this road. Marsha stated that traffic counts have been done on both of the roads. Eriksen stated that according to the plan, two projects include keno funds.

Lancaster stated that she had talked to Bud Jeffries, chair of the public works committee and he stated he is satisfied with the 1 & 6 plan but he would like to see the county develop a strong program for overlaying the asphalt roads in Hall County. Some of the keno funds could be used to maintain the asphalt roads. Hartman stated that if there is a concern on the keno funding the board needs to address it now. He said this has always been done and if the board changes the plan it will affect the 1 & 6. Arnold asked Marsha when the projects would go out for bids and she stated this would be done after budget time. Hartman stated that if the board approves the 1 & 6 with the keno funds included, they need to provide the keno dollars.

Logan made a motion and Hartman seconded to approve the 1 & 6 Road Program and included the \$150,000.00 keno funds. Arnold stated he understands that the traffic count on Engleman of 245 per day would affect the condition of the road but the traffic count on Giltner Road of 145 is not as high. Hartman stated that the Giltner Road is a safety issue with students driving this road to attend school in Doniphan.

Chairman Lancaster called for public participation for the public hearing – Louise Miller, 1104 West Chares requested to speak to the board. She stated that the county should rescind the South Locust Project because the federal government does not have any money and they are trying to squeeze out the small farmer.

The board members wanted to continue the discussion on the 1 & 6 so Logan withdrew his motion and Hartman withdrew his second. The board will continue this discussion after the bid openings.

Logan made a motion and Hartman seconded to close the public hearing for the 1 & 6 Road Program. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

6 10:00 A.M. BID OPENING PAYROLL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – County Clerk Marla Conley stated that three bids for the request for proposals for payroll were received. The following bids were read:

BIDDER	SET UP	LICENSE	PAYROLL MONTHLY	TIME/ATTEND MONTHLY	YEAR END FEES
Automatic Data Process	\$6,375.00	\$1725.00 Annually	\$1,505.00	\$1,978.00	\$1,315.00
PAYROLL MAXX	\$49,899.00	\$451.00 Monthly	\$490.00 monthly	NO BID	\$613.00
MIPS/COUNTY SOL	\$1,400.00 \$250.00 travel	\$230.00 Monthly	NONE	NO BID	Dependent on number

Arnold made a motion and Logan seconded to refer the bids to the payroll/audit committee. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

12 DISCUSS AND APPROVE GRANT APPLICATION FOR CENTRAL NEBRASKA DRUG COURT – A copy of the grant application was provided to the board members. Connie Hultine, Drug Court Coordinator stated that Jerry Watson is the executive director and Bonnie Arnold is the fiscal officer for this grant. This funding is through the Department of Correctional Services, Office of Community Justice. This request will be

for \$48,818.20. These funds will have to be applied for every year. She stated that they have also applied for a three-year grant. Arnold made a motion and Hartman seconded to approve the grant application for Central Nebraska Drug Court and authorize them to sign. Chief of Police Kyle Hetrick and a representative from the Nebraska State Patrol were present and stated that they are supportive of the drug court program and are excited to start using this program. The state patrol has offered a vehicle and a trooper to assist the drug court. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Jeffries absent. Motion carried.

18 APPROVE MANAGER'S LICENSE FOR GRAND ISLAND SADDLE CLUB FOR TIMOTHY BROWN – The application was submitted to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and forwarded to the county board for approval. The Hall County Sheriff did the investigation and stated there was no reason not to approve the request. Arnold made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve the application for manager by Timothy G. Brown for the Grand Island Saddle Club. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Jeffries absent. Motion carried.

17 DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY AT PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – The public works department would like to dispose of surplus property that they have laying around. Marsha Medbery worked with County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz on the resolution. It states that surplus property cannot be sold to employees. Property that is sold must have a value of less than \$500.00. Discussion was held and the board requested that the wording be clarified concerning the sales to employees they requested it to read "non auction sales." Board Assistant Stacy Ruzicka stated she would make the change so the resolution can be approved. Logan made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve Resolution #02-0018 authorize the sale of surplus county property. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Jeffries absent. Motion carried.

7 BID OPENING INMATE MEDICAL SERVICES AT JAIL – County Clerk Marla Conley stated that one bid was received for the inmate medical services. The following bid was read:

BIDDER – Stephen E. Budd TOTAL MONTHLY COST - \$13,000.00

Logan made a motion and Eriksen seconded to refer this to the corrections steering committee. Logan questioned if the health department considered bidding on the services. Eriksen stated that they did but they do not have physician on staff. Corrections Director Dave Arnold stated that he had talked to four different groups concerning the services and only received on bid. Scott Arnold suggested inviting the local medical community to a meeting for their input on these services. Dave Arnold stated that the general consensus was that they do not was to cover the 24 hour 7 days a week operation. Right now Dr. Budd provides nursing staff for 13 hours a day. Discuss was held concerning a work study session to address this. A motion was made to refer this to the corrections steering committee and Logan suggested doing this first. The vote was taken on the motion. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9 LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE DISCUSS REMODELING DISTRICT COURT ROOM #2 AT COURT HOUSE – The long range planning committee met with

Chuck Kaufman and Judge Luther to establish a plan for the renovation of office space and the jury room in courtroom #2. They are proposing to remodel the existing law library and install a restroom and storage area. The remainder of the space would be used for an office for Judge Luther. The jury room is small and does not have a handicapped assessable bathroom. They would remodel the restrooms and enlarge the jury room. The plans would maintain all the historical character of the building. Eriksen said there is 900 square feet and at a cost of \$50.00 a square foot they were estimating a cost of \$45,000.00 to do the remodeling. There are dollars in the reserve fund and equipment acquisition for furniture. The remodeling dollars are budgeted in the inheritance fund. Discussion was held concerning the remodeling of the courthouse if a bond issued was approved for the jail construction. Eriksen stated that the committee would like direction from the board on whether to proceed with the project. Eriksen made a motion and Logan seconded to authorize the long-range planning committee to go forward with this process. The committee is aware of the long-range plans and will consider it when they are doing the remodeling. The vote was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no, with Jeffries absent. Motion carried.

5b APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR 1&6 ROAD PROGRAM – Logan stated he shares the same concerns on the \$150,000.00 of keno funds. This decision is made prior to the board knowing how many keno dollars will be available. If these dollars are in the 1 & 6 road plan and if the keno funds are not available the money may need to come from somewhere else. Hartman said if this is a concern the board should start on the keno funding sooner, the road program need to be approved. Hartman made a motion and Logan seconded to approve the 1 & 6 Road Plan and approve Resolution #02-0019. The mile that will be paved is on Giltner Road. There are safety concerns because Doniphan-Trumbull students use this road to go to school. Hartman said that this is a dangerous intersection and the county may want to consider putting up stop signs. Eriksen stated the board needs to discuss using the keno funds for the 1 & 6 road program before the next 1 & 6 program is written using the keno dollars.. Arnold questioned if a traffic count was done and if that information supported paving the road. Hartman said the residents of Doniphan requested a meeting some time ago and expressed their concern at that time. Lancaster stated that she had visited with Bud Jeffries and he supported the 1&6 as it stands now. The vote was taken on the motion to approve the 1 & 6 Road Plan and Resolution #02-0019. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Jeffries absent. Motion carried.

15 DISCUSS AND APPROVE REQUEST FROM NICKMAN BROTHERS – The board members received a letter from Nickman Brother, L.L.C. requesting to use the county's property on East Highway 30 to stockpile concrete from the Highway 30 State Project. They offered to give Hall County 200 tons of crushed concrete for the use of the property. They would need to use the property for six months. Hartman stated they would need a conditional use permit from the City of Grand Island and the Road Department could use the crushed concrete. The road department currently buys the crushed concrete and they might be able to save \$2,500.00 to \$4,000.00 because they would not have to purchase the crushed concrete. He said they would only use the property for six months. Hartman made a motion and Logan seconded to approve the request from Nickman Brothers to deposit the material on the Luzenac property. Arnold stated he was concerned on the snow that was deposited there and also that the county may need to liquidate this property quickly and then the county would be responsible for

cleaning up the property. Hartman stated this would be on the backside of the property. The public works department would also have to load the rock themselves. Arnold stated that this would be unsightly. Lancaster questioned if would be worth the mess. Eriksen suggested tabling the matter and getting some questions answered. The vote was taken. Hartman and Logan voted yes. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston and Lancaster voted no with Jeffries absent. Motion failed. Stacey was instructed to call Nickman Brothers and send them a letter denying the request.

19 APPROVE EARLY CLAIM FOR HALL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve the claim for the Hall County Historical Society in the amount of \$15,510.84. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Jeffries absent. Motion carried.

19a APPROVE EARLY CLAIM TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO GENERAL- Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve the transfer claim from the inheritance fund to county general fund in the amount of \$500,000.00. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Jeffries absent. Motion carried.

Board Assistant Stacy Ruzicka received confirmation from Barney Bishop with Durrant that he would be able to attend March 27 at 4:00 p.m. Logan asked Marla Conley to advertise the work-study session.

16 APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT – Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve Resolution #02 0020 for sale of surplus property. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Jeffries absent. Motion carried.

BOARD ASSISTANT'S REPORT – Board Assistant Stacey Ruzicka included the progress report in the packets and reminded them that the computer committee will meet tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. and that Senior Citizens will also meet. She reminded the comprehensive development steering committee that they will meet March 21 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Hartman – no report

Humiston – No report

Eriksen – He stated that most of his meetings have been reported on except that NRD met with the Corp of Engineers and they will be letting bid on the Wood River Warm Slough Project. He suggested that the county board members might want to look at the long-range plan for the Hall County Park.

Logan – He questioned if the property owned by Hall County by the new interchange has been acquired and if so could the county use some of the dirt from the Wood River project. He attended the debate held by the Grand Island Independent.

Arnold – He attended the long-range planning committee meeting concerning the Courthouse. He also attended the two-day seminar in Kearney that was put on by the National Institute of Corrections. The presenter was a former Nebraska Jail Standards

member. In his presentation he used the Hall County Jail as an example on determine manpower to operate the facility. He stressed the importance of design and the costs of personal. He also went to Lincoln for the juvenile planning grant training.

Lancaster – She attended the Midland Area Agency on Aging meeting and the audit committee met with the city regarding the interlocal agreement of E 911 and the additional funding. The assessor's study committee met and the long-range planning committee. She and Jim Eriksen attended the Economic Development Corporation meeting and Grand Island was honored for the Workforce Development One Stop Shop.

Lancaster stated she talked to Bud Jeffries and he expressed concern on the overlay projects on county road. He wants the county to start overlaying the rural roads.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 a.m. The next meeting will be March 26 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley, Hall County Clerk

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